

Child Care and Development Fund
FACT SHEET
September, 2011
Montana

Caseload

- 5,819 children were served this month in this program
- 3,631 families received subsidies for childcare through this program
- 12.0% of the families entered the program during this period
- Yellowstone County accounted for 24.5% of all families served

Children

- 87.5% of children were served in licensed care
- 9.3% of children were cared for by relatives
- Children under 1 year of age were in child care an average of 128 hours per month
- School-age children (ages 6 and older) constitute 25.6% of all children served
- White children accounted for 79.5% of all children served

Families

- 74.2% of families received subsidies because of employment
- 100.0% of families had copayments, at an average of 3.6% of income
- The average number of children served per family was 1.7
- 86.4% of families were headed by a single parent
- 14.4% of families listed TANF as a source of income

Expenditures

- The average cost of care this month per child was \$448 (monthly subsidy + parent fee)
- Parents paid 7.3% of the cost and the program paid 92.7%
- Average monthly expenditures for children under 1 year of age was \$514
- Average monthly expenditures for school-age children (ages 6 and older) was \$314
- 82.0% of total expenditures were for children under 6 years of age

Counties

- The highest average cost of care was in Treasure County at \$714 per child
- Garfield County ranks first in relative care statewide with 80.0% of all children cared for by relatives.
- The county with the greatest percent of TANF recipients in the caseload was Jefferson County, where 55.6% of families receiving child care subsidies also received income from TANF